

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

G.B.E.,

Plaintiff,

v.

KRISTI LA NOEM, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-01119-JHC

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

For good cause, Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until January 8, 2026. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act, *inter alia*, to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate their asylum application. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on August 19, 2025. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
2 P. 1.

3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
4 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for September 10, 2025. USCIS
5 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudications within 120 days of the interview,
6 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for
7 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status
8 report to the Court. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to
9 USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit
10 documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the adjudication
11 delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise the interview will
12 need to be rescheduled and the adjudications delayed. Once the application is adjudicated, Plaintiff
13 will dismiss the case. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct
14 Plaintiff’s asylum interview and then process his asylum application.

15 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the
16 case in abeyance until January 8, 2026. The parties will submit a status update on or before January
17 8, 2026.

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1 DATED this 7th day of August, 2025.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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11 *I certify that this memorandum contains 363*
12 *words, in compliance with the Local Civil*
Rules.

ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until January 8, 2026. The parties shall submit a status update on or before January 8, 2026. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 8th day of August, 2025.


JOHN H. CHUN
United States District Judge